

“ **Why Jesus?**”

Why Should Anyone Believe in Jesus?

Luke 19:28-44

We should introduce them to His :

I. Prophecies - “as He had said”(verses 28-36)

Jesus is reliable because of fulfilled prophecies by :

A. Christ – “ye shall find”

John 6:35, 7:38, 11:25,26, 12:46, 14:2-3, 6, 12

B. Canon – “upon the colt”

Zechariah 9:9

John 20:31 – That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ

II. Power - “the mighty works”(verses 37-40)

Jesus’ power is understood by His:

A. Performance – “they had seen”

Mighty works – miracles – healing – raising of the dead

B. Position – “the King”

King of Jews, King of Kings – Revelation 19:11-16

C. Provision – “peace”

III. Passion - “wept over it” (verses 41-44)

Jesus wants Us to have:

A. Repentance – “the things unto thy peace”

Luke 5:32, II Peter 3:9

B. Redemption – “keep thee in on every side”

I Corinthians 1:30

C. Revelation – “knewest not”

Romans 1:18-19

Jerusalem = “set ye double peace”

His command to **two of His disciples** was to **find a colt** and **bring it here**. Jesus was fulfilling Zechariah 9:9-10,

Up to this time Jesus had not sought to be openly called Messiah. But now He allowed it and even encouraged it. Everything He did over the course of these days was designed to call attention to the fact that He is the Messiah.

All history had pointed toward this single, spectacular event when the Messiah publicly presented Himself to the nation, and God desired that this fact be acknowledged.

Matthew 21:10 records the people of Jerusalem ask the question “Who is this?” This is an important question for each of us to find the answer. Challenge others to fully investigate Jesus and find out who He is.

**The Lord, the one who Predicts, the one who Possesses
The One deserving of Praise
The One who brings Peace**

How then should we receive the Lord's Supper?

1 Corinthians 11:26-28 gives an overview of four important looks that one should take before, during and after taking the Lord's Supper:

- The first is a **backward** look to the cross. The Lord's Supper's primary message is about remembering the cross of Christ and what was accomplished there for our sins. Any celebration of the Lord's Supper with acknowledging the cause of its celebration causes one to become "guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" (v. 27). The purpose of the Lord's Supper is, as v. 26 states, to "shew the Lord's death till he come."
- Secondly, one must also take an **inward** look to examine one's own heart and motives (v. 28). Are you considering what this Supper represents? Are you right with God and your brother? These matters must be dealt with properly before receiving the Lord's Supper.
- Thirdly, a **forward** look is needed. We must look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Every celebration of the Lord's Supper is an occasion to look forward to the

day when we consummate this great feast with Jesus Christ Himself at the head of the table. "“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come” (v. 26).

- Finally, an **outward** look to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ is needed. Although the Lord's Supper is intensely personal, there is an important corporate element to this ordinance as well. Failure to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters results in the same condemnation received by the Corinthians. To come to the Lord's table without the attitude and action of humble, serving love for one another is a failure to properly "discern the Lord's body." As we remember how the physical body of Christ was broken for us, it is also important that we remember that we are a part of the spiritual body of Christ. Therefore, it matters whether or not we are in fellowship with one another when partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Meditation Verses Proverbs 12,

- > Hand out Bread, Prayer, Read I Cor 11:23-24 --Partake
- > Hand out Cup, Prayer, Read I Cor. 11:25-26 - Partake
- > Amazing Grace